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LEFT ROCKCASTLE

BECAUSE OF THE ROADS—
P. H. SHUTTS SPEAKS
FOR THE 20-CENT
TAX

Danville, Ind., Feb. 24, 1919
Editor Mt. Vernon Signal,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
Dear Edgar:—

I am enclosing a \$2.00 check which you will place to my credit. We all welcome and enjoy the Signal as it is like getting a letter from a friend and not put to the trouble of answering it. But if you will allow me a little space in your valuable paper I will write a letter to my Rockcastle friends, making one letter do for all. For the first time in five years that I have lived in Indiana have I been moved to write a public letter to my dear old friends and neighbors. But it is of vital importance to you dear people I could not resist giving my opinion on the subject of Good Roads, and especially the voting of the 20c tax. I knew you had this subject up last November to vote on—but did not even dream of it being voted down, as they were assured by the Fiscal Court that your tax rate would not be raised, and that the State would pay 75 per cent of it. And that it should take the place of the present road levy, but to my great surprise it was voted down. Now dear people, it was the condition of the roads in old Rockcastle and the unwillingness of the people to vote a bond on themselves to improve the highways as they claimed they were able to build and maintain good roads that I left the County. Even if their theory was right at that time, which I thought you were mistaken in, it is not the case now, as you cannot afford not to re-

ceive all this help. Let's figure just a little, the state pays 75 per cent and the county 25 per cent, now with this taxable property in the same proportion as it was when I left your county, the incorporations doing business in the county, (the railroads, the four banks, telegraph and telephone companies) will pay 50 per cent of the counties part leaving only 12½ cents to each dollar spent in the county for the people to pay and you get it all, 100 cents to the dollar. There is almost enough men in the county that only pay a poll tax and would not have any of this tax to pay, to make this proposition carry and give them employment a good part of the year. Now if some big rich guy was to send you people word that on March 15th, (just say it is John D.) that he would be in Mt. Vernon and that for every \$12.50 that each and every voter would give him that he would give them back \$100.00. Now a fair question How many of you would try and see him? You have the same proposition before you on March 15th, but you don't have to go all the way to Mt. Vernon, just go to your voting places and vote yes, and you have it.

Now I want to tell you what we are doing here in Hendricks Co., Ind. The noted old National highway passes through this county for a distance of about 20 miles. And to show you that it is not only a good road but a dandy, I will tell you what took place on this road between Indianapolis and Terre Haute. There are two railroads running parallel with the old National road. On these railroads they run through fast trains and they go over the ties some, as fast as you ever saw an L. & N. train move. Two men in an automobile loaded with sand bags to



HON. HARVEY HELM

Who died suddenly Monday at his recently acquired plantation at Columbus, Miss. His remains were brought to Stanford and laid to rest Wednesday.

REV. A. J. PIKE

EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS OF
THE MASS CONVENTION
HELD IN MT. VERNON,
FEBRUARY 3RD.

Brodhead, Kentucky.
To The Mt. Vernon Signal,
Dear Editor:—I see where a Mass Meeting was called at the Court house on the 3rd day of February in Mt. Vernon, Ky. The purpose of this meeting was to perfect an organization, adopt resolutions and appoint Committees to fight the whisky traffic and hunt down bootleggers in Rockcastle County. At the meeting my own town was represented by some of our best citizens and preachers, and at this meeting my fellow townsman and neighbor offered a long resolution, which was unanimously adopted, and among the many things resolved were the following "Be it resolved that we use our influence to build up public sentiment and arouse the people to a sense of their duty, and make this sentiment so strong that it will be impossible for any one to violate this law without being immediately apprehended and punished; and that we be diligent and cooperative to such an extent that no one can be under the influence of whiskey or any intoxicating liquor in this county without being punished therefore to the full extent of the law. Be it further resolved that we denounce gambling; the concealed deadly weapon practice and do we especially condemn perjury and false swearing prevalent in this community, and we promise to be active in the prosecution of these and all other infractions of the law, to the end that Rockcastle county may become better and more secure place in which to live." They went further and said, to represent the Civil League, a part of the Council of Defense of Rockcastle County after due consideration have appointed the following men to carry out the citizens part of Resolution No. 5 adopted at this Mass Meeting. They went further and appointed five men in each voting precinct. These men were appointed and asked to meet in Mt. Vernon on Saturday the 15th of February 1919, at one o'clock p. m. and when the time came to meet not a man could be found to represent Brodhead precinct. Here the thing stopped. Now Mr. Editor, I want to say, that all the readers of your paper in Rockcastle County, who know the writer, knows that I have been an earnest advocate of law and order for forty years, and during twelve years in official life as magistrate in Livingston district,

hold it to the ground, left Indianapolis the same time these fast trains did and the automobile arrived first in Terre Haute, the Big 4 train train stopping at Greencastle one minute and the Penn., not making any stop at all. So you see they had to go some. But the State and Nation offers to help improve this road and offers to pay 50 per cent of the cost, so our county officials appropriated \$18,000.00 to the mile, which makes \$900.00 to our part. We believe in receiving gifts. If you had such roads I would not be writing this letter. If you get scared at \$1.30 tax to the \$100.00 I advise you not to come to Indiana to live for there are two things we must do, pay taxes and die. And our tax rate was only \$3.48 to the \$100.00, and \$3.00 poll tax. I would rather pay that much and have our conveniences as to be back in Rockcastle and not have good roads.

As long as I live I intend to come back to see my old friends every 2 or 3 years and that is all I ever expect to be benefited by you voting this tax. But if you can't see your way clear and vote it down again I will come just the same even if I have to walk through the fields from house to house.

My dear friends this time last year you might have had a more serious question to be settled, that of winning the World War, but this one, to be serious, is almost an equal. What is a country without good roads, schools, churches and good stock? If you have good roads the other three will soon follow. So you that are in favor of this great opportunity get out and inform your less fortunate brother, and make it unanimous in receiving this great gift. So good people, don't leave a stone unturned that will assist in making this a success. If my coming back and helping in this campaign would change the line in its favor I would gladly pay my way and be Johnny on the spot.

Now one more word to those in favor of good roads, (in the words of D. Ramsey.) "If at first you don't succeed, keep a sucking till you do succeed." Now with friendship and good wishes to all,

I am yours truly,
P. H. SHUTTS.

THE BEST LAXATIVE.

"My sedentary habits have necessitated the use of an occasional laxative. I have tried many but found nothing better than Chamberlain's Tablets," writes George F. Daniels, Hardwick, Vt. Mr. Daniels is proprietor of the Hardwick Inn, one of the model hotels of New England.

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JUST OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE

I almost alone made an untiring effort to hunt down bootleggers and moonshiners, for which the whiskey element attempted to assassinate me, and one John Mullins, a whiskey man from Virginia, who was selling liquor in a bling tiger shot me twice because I issued papers against him, for which he served a term in the state penitentiary. I refer to these things to show how the writer has stood and what I have done in Rockcastle county for this righteous cause, when bootlegging and blind-tigering was in full blast, and it was impossible to get such crowds as met at Mt. Vernon on the 3rd day of this month and put their names on record to fight this damnable evil. Now with this past experience, I want to say to all these good people that met at the Court House and did so much talking, and resolved so many good things that you will find it all to be bosh, unless you can inject into it something that we have not had in the past. I want to now suggest two very important characteristics that we must have in order to make your resolves a success. In the first place you must get your Court to appoint a jury commission that will absolutely refuse to select any man on either the grand or trial jury, who is in sympathy with the whiskey traffic. No man ought to be selected as a juror because of something he had done to help some other one in office, or because of anything outside of good citizen-ship. If you can get a jury that is not contaminated with liquor, you will have a good foundation to build upon.

The next thing I suggest is to get all the attorneys in our county to join this league and absolutely refuse to defend any whiskey man. If you can do this, you have the battle won. It is not enough for our attorneys to say they are against this bootlegging business and then turn around and defend them in this hellish practice. I can take the trial jurors as they have been selected heretofore with a few whiskey sympathizers among them to select from, and turn over to C. C. Williams, Judge L. W. Bethurum, J. W. Brown, and others that I might name, and with their knowledge of the people of this county and with this mixed jury to select from, they can acquit, or have a hundred jury in nine out of every ten cases. To illustrate, I will refer to a case in my own town. A young man who had been in the habit of getting drunk and acting in a disorderly way, got drunk and

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Labor reminds us that higher wages must go hand in hand with the new cost of living.

No one, apparently, is responsible. No one, apparently, is benefited by higher prices and higher income.

We are all living on a high-priced scale. One trouble is, that the number of dollars has multiplied faster than the quantity of goods, so that each dollar buys less than formerly.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



disturbed the town one Sunday afternoon. A number of good men said they would see that he was convicted for his crime; he had a few friends that had some money, and they said get a good lawyer and beat the case. He (Continued on last page)

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